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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Prior to substantive examination, please amend the
application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 1, kindly add the following new
paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of PCT/CA99/00871
(designating the U.S.), filed September 24, 1999, which claims